#17 Kyouko's Choice

And the "person she wants to lay a hand on her" is me.
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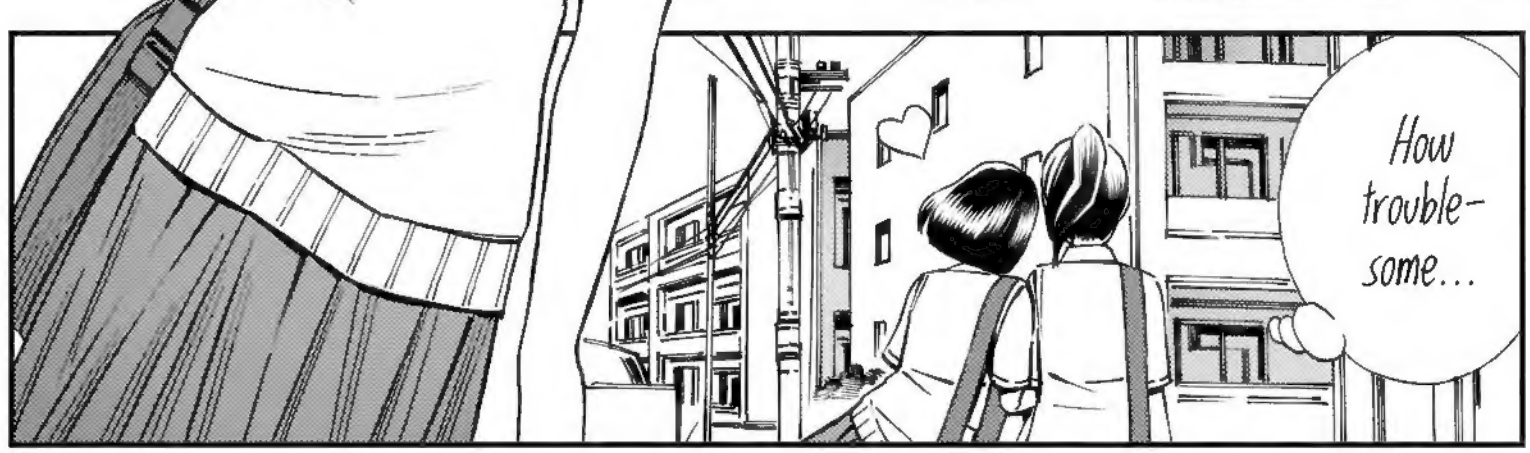
Hey. When are you gonna lay a hand on me?


How trouble-some...

Is it because we're "both girls"?
Well, if you ask me why it's "trouble-some"...
I don't really know myself.

What's the difference between "friends" and "lovers" again...?

But going from "friends" to "lovers" is relatively natural.

You can do whatever you want to me whenever you want.
Does a romance like this even exist in the first place?

Let alone one with a "trial period"...
If I were a wild animal, I would've eaten her by now.
If a girl this cute told you "do what you want with me"...
you'd no doubt try to lay a hand on her whether you were her friend or not.

Even though I say stuff like that to her...

I ended up kissing her that one time.

Don't talk about yourself like you're some kind of product!

Okay~

But...

I know I said I'd wait until graduation...

but I don't think I can wait that long anymore...

And then...

in the six months since then, I haven't done a single thing.

Could you decide right now whether or not...

to make me your girlfriend?

Miku got sick of waiting.

R-...

Right now!?

You should make snap decisions once in a while, like before.

Yeah...

Life is about constantly making choices after all.

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But... she's right. I've never made any decisions for myself up until now.

I always either run away or just go with the flow...

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There she goes, asking the impossible like always...

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Hm?

Miku-chan.

I dunno.

Hold on a sec...

What do you mean by "like before"?

Mizuki-senpai...
Let's take some photos together over there!
We'll take them together.

So this is where you were~
Kya
Kya

You come along too, Kyouko-chan. Take some with that camera of yours.

Ah...
Sure.

That's right.

I get swept along just like this.

Always just going with the flow...

.....!!

It's gonna be okay.
You've got me with you after all.
hic ugh ...

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When she said "like before"...

could she have meant...

Eh...?

Huh...?

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Kyouko?

What's wrong?

I can't decide today...

but could you go out with me tomorrow?

Sure...

Alright.

#17.5 Secret Date
The idea of "testing people" makes me uneasy.
I hate being tested myself.
It feels like nothing good comes from being tested.

But today, I'm the one who's testing Miku.

I want you to do whatever you want with me.

...She's the one who said that, so it's fine, right?

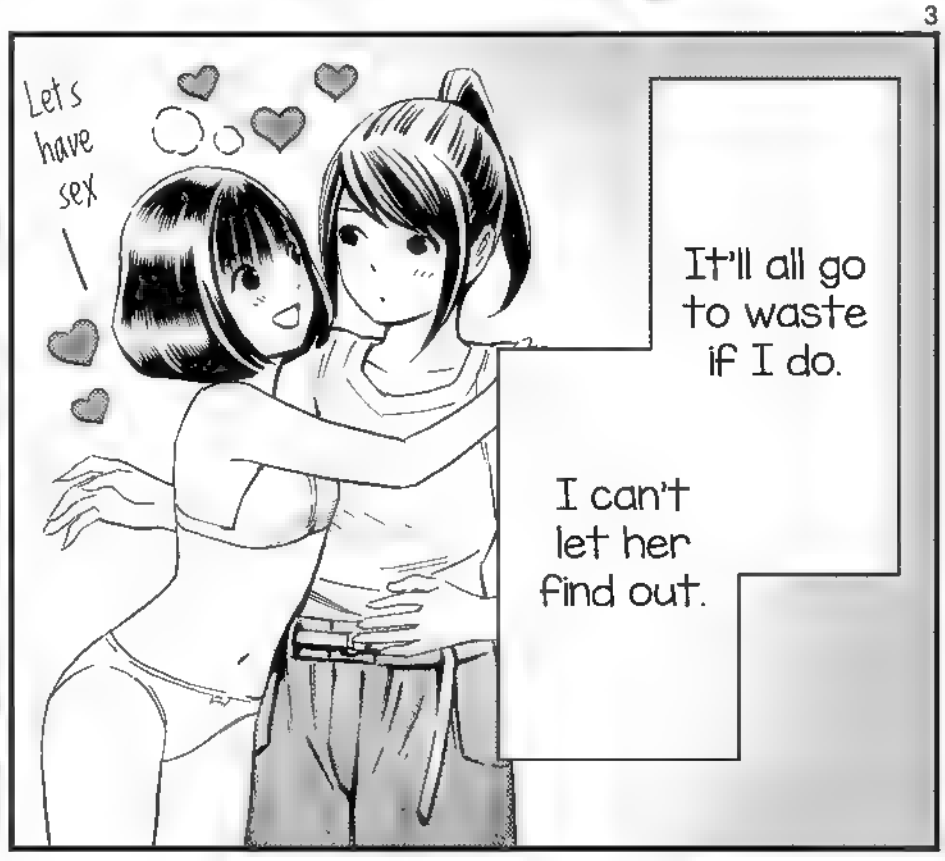
I'm doing this so I can clearly determine my own feelings too.

I call this...

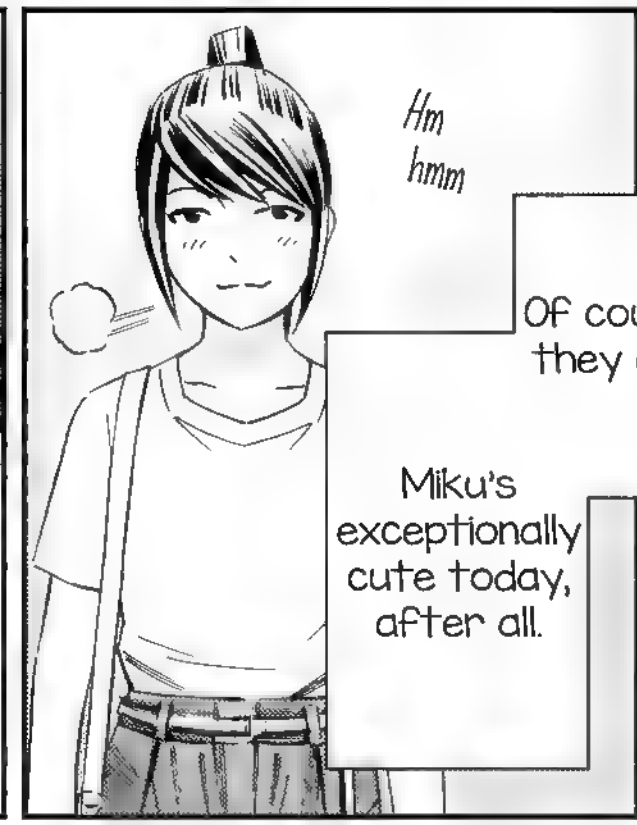
LOVE LOVE

"The What Kind Of Date Would We Go On If We Were Actually Dating Simulation"!!

Also, I can't tell Miku about this.



She's really cutened herself up.



She's getting hit on...

You by yourself?

Wanna come play with us?

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It's fine, ain't it?

Just for a little bit!

Huh...?

A friend?

If you'd like, how about you join...

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Eep!

I've never really liked how scary my eyes are,
but they came in real handy today.

Hey, Kyouko...

Nothing... Nothing at all.
That was so cool, Kyouko.
What's with you today?

Y'know, there are two kinds of "date".

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Is this a date?

The kind you have when you're not yet dating,

and the kind you have after you've started dating...

Today's the "we're dating" kind of date...

In my head, at least.

It's not as if we're dating or anything, right...?

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Nothing...
Seriously, what's with you today?

This is exactly why I get "caught up in the flow".

For some reason...

I thought "I feel bad for Miku."

I've fallen for you all over again.

Putting that aside, you were really cool back there, Kyouko.

You really spooked those guys.

I finally asked her.

What do you even like about me?

Fallen for what exactly?

Everything.

That won't do.

Answer me properly.

It's because you're my "now", Kyouko...

And also...

your boobs.

Sorry.

I don't get it at all.

You understood the part about the boobs, right?

I understood the part about the boobs...

The heck?

Don't poke them.

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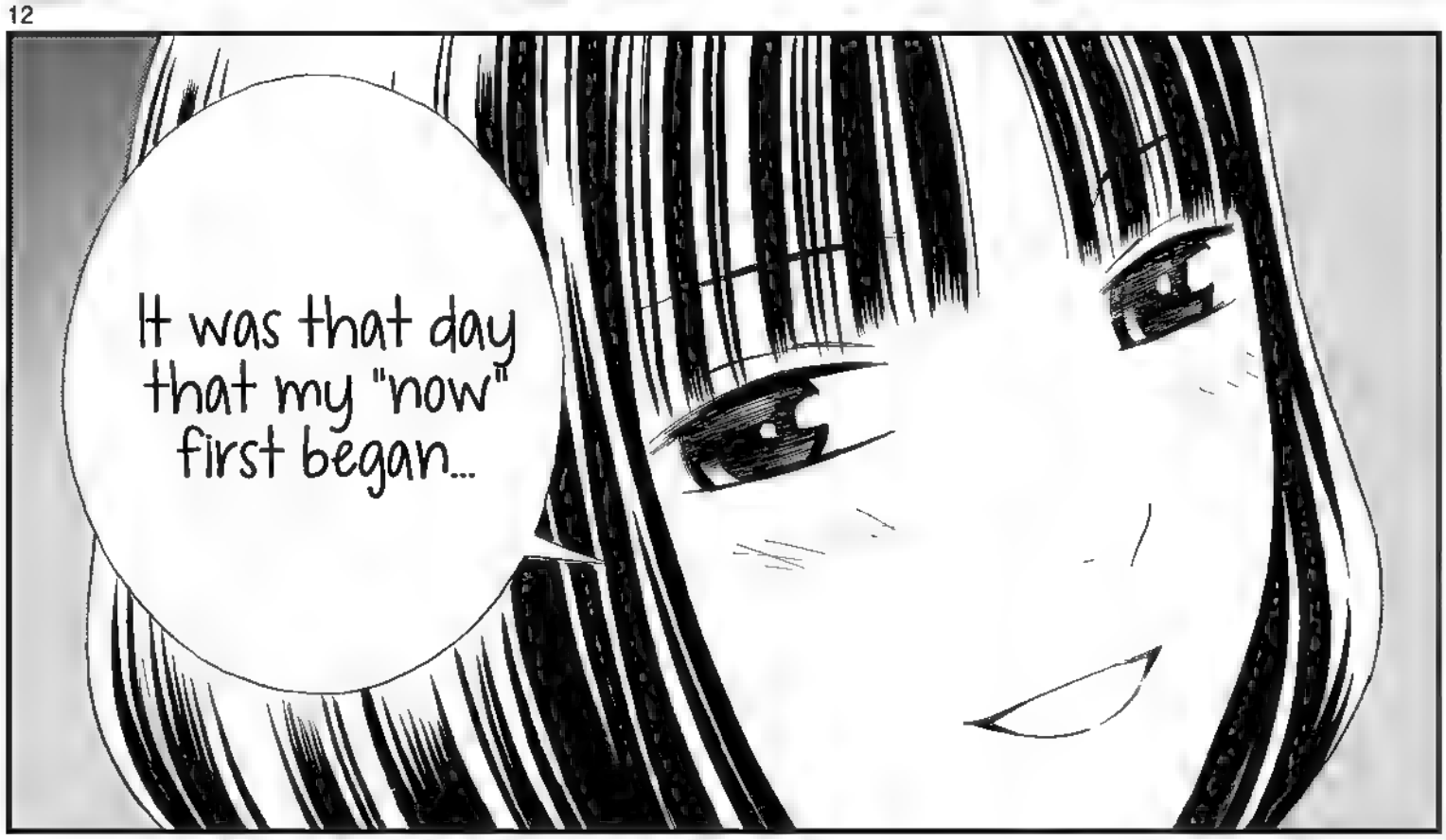
It's more than enough for me that you understood that I "love Kyouko's boobs".



#18 - The July 7th Incident

Yeah, I guess...

Do you remember back in middle school when we'd often screw around and kiss each other?

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I desperately wanted to get you to look my way and thought of all kinds of things.

Nope.

Did you notice?

I wanted to do something for you, Kyouko...

Or rather,

I wanted to become your strength...

I see...

I've been relying on you ever since we were little, right, Kyouko?

So this time, I wanted you to rely on me too.

Is that why she's been giving me all kinds of advice...?

If I don't decide on a deadline, you'll just keep lazing around, right?

It'll work out better if you imagine "the you that you want to become".

I'm jealous of your underwear, Kyouko.

She does say some weird things from time to time, though.

It's not fair how it gets to cling to you everyday!

Remember July 6th of our second year of middle school, when we kissed each other after school?

Did we now...?

Well, y'know...

Everyone has those kinds of sides to them, don't they?

Eh?

What the heck?

Just go to the bathroom.

The truth is, at that time, I really needed to pee.

What even is this conversation?

I guess...?

If someone asked you to choose which was more important between peeing and kissing...

you'd pick kissing, right?

What kind of plan?

So like... this was around the time I was desperately trying to get you to look my way

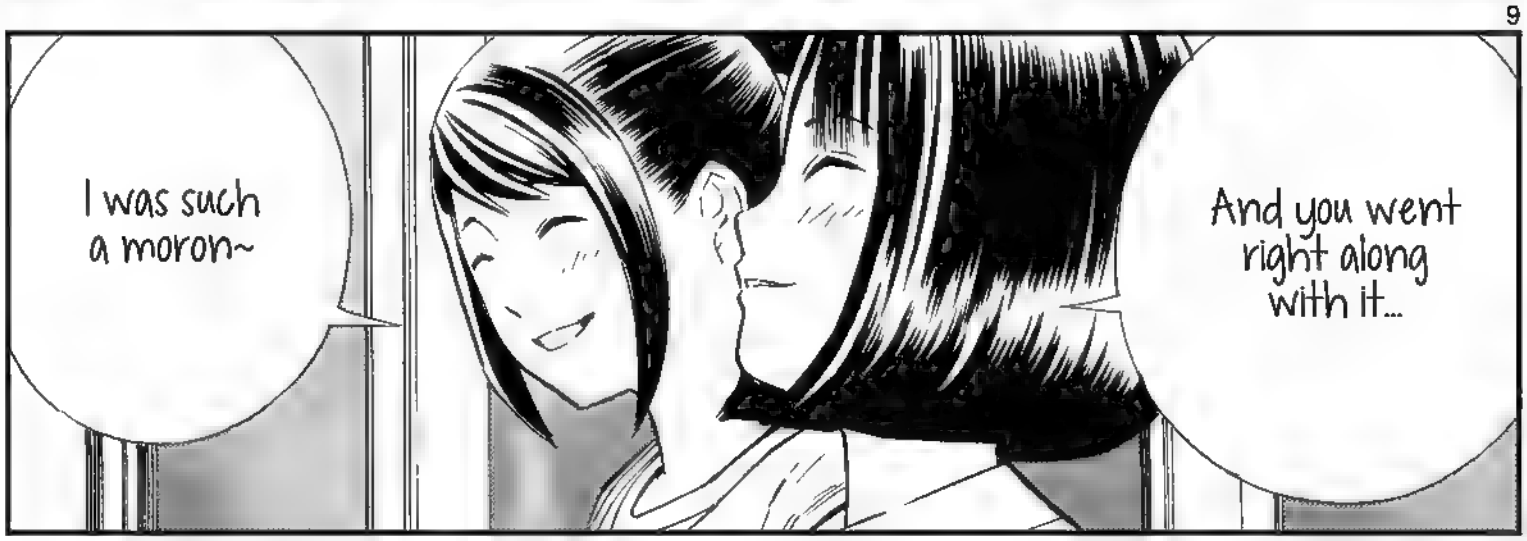
so that led me to think of a certain "plan".

Huh?

"That's it! I'll make Kyouko pee herself!"

There, there.
It's okay now.
I'll clean you up
Let's get those panties off.
Wah!
And then, if I take good care of her, she'll rely on me and fall in love!
You're despicable.
I thought the same thing.

Tanabata Cup
Pee Endurance Contest



Ah Nyah

The way you held in your pee...

Ah

Hnng

was really lewd♥

You damn pervert...

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Wash Room

If I must...

Okay!

When we get home, we're having a "passionate kiss"!

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Wait, don't you need the bathroom too, Miku?

Damn it! I really wanted that chocolate cake...

For some reason, I was trying to act all cool back then...

and thought you might respect me if I kept holding it in after school...

Uuuh
I wouldn't fall in love with someone
just because they could hold in their pee, though.
Of course you wouldn't.
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You okay?
I'm fine, I'm fine.
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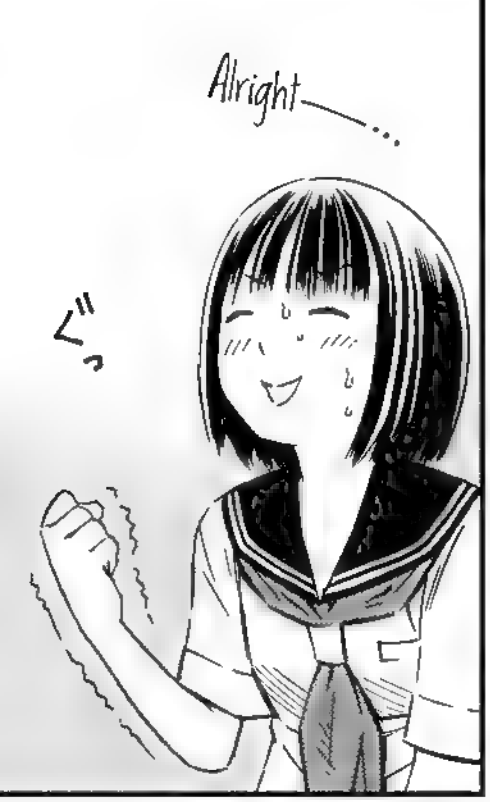
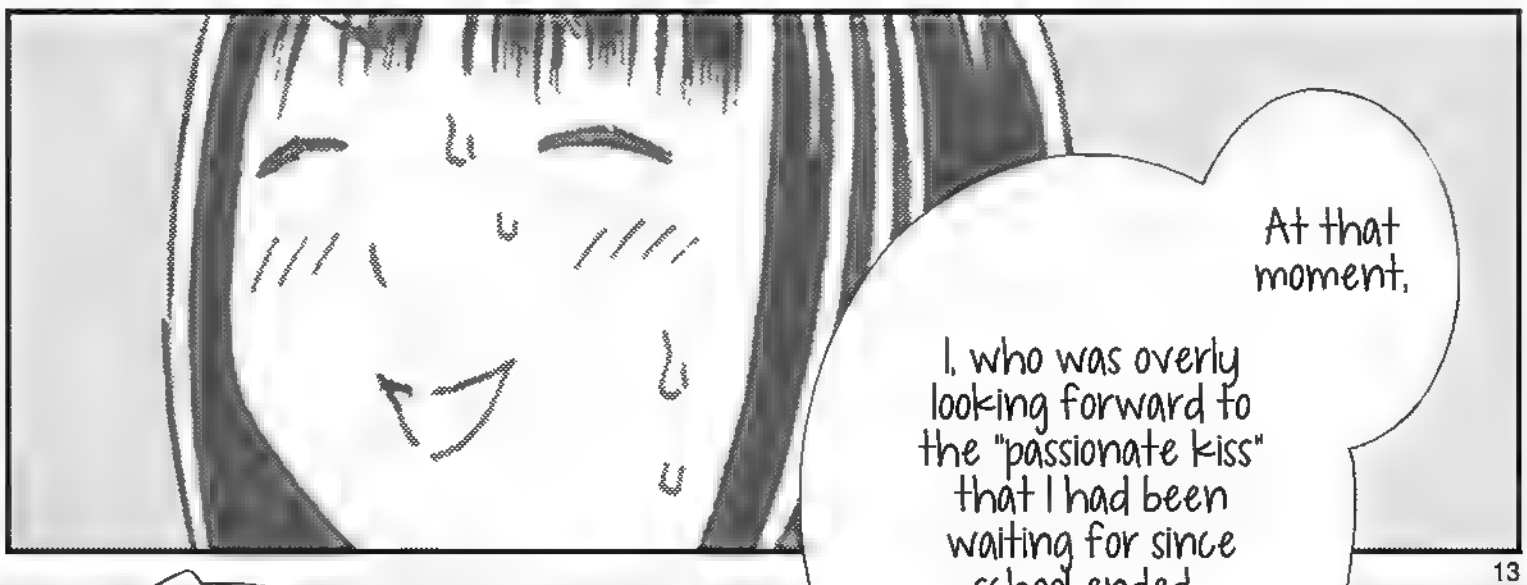
Alright——...



Yeah.
You're amazing.
Am I amazing?


At that moment,
I, who was overly looking forward to the "passionate kiss" that I had been waiting for since school ended...

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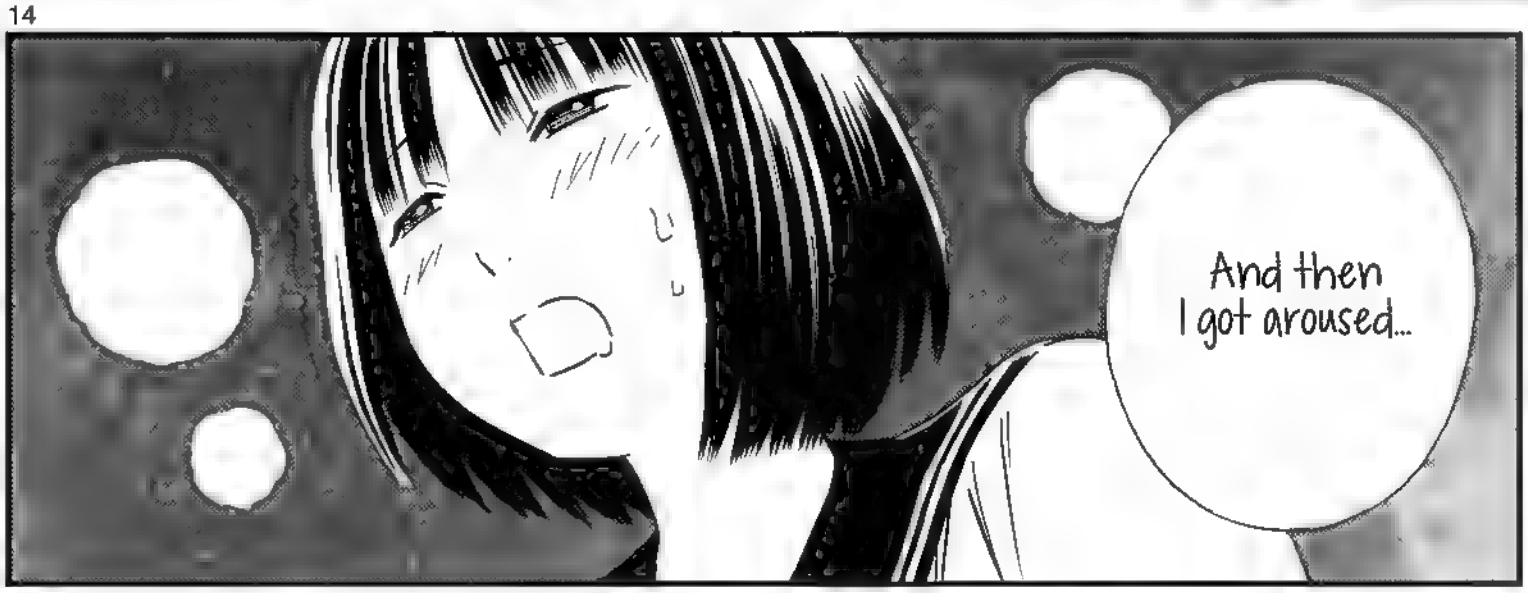
started really fantasising about it.

Don't fantasise.



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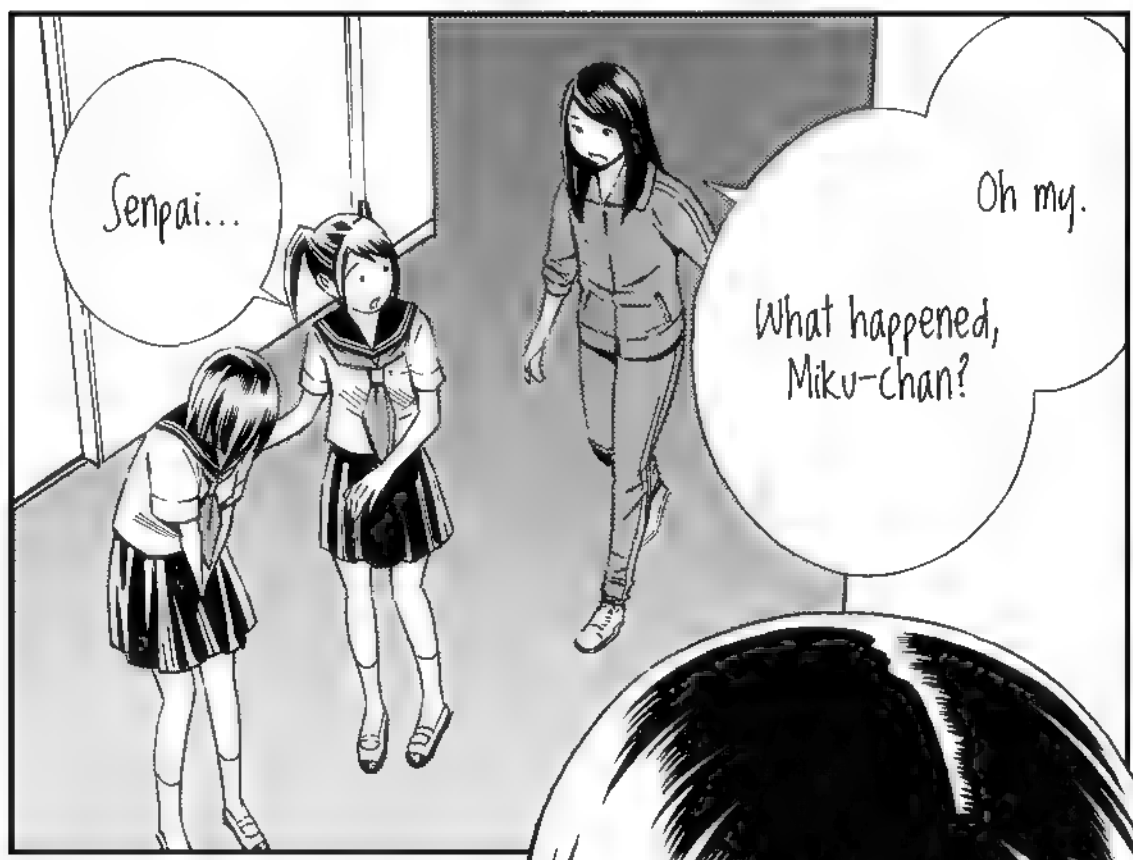
Senpai...
Oh my.
What happened, Miku-chan?

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Uuuh...

Ah.
Come over here.
I'll clean you up.

She was jealous of you, wasn't she?

I'm "cute"?

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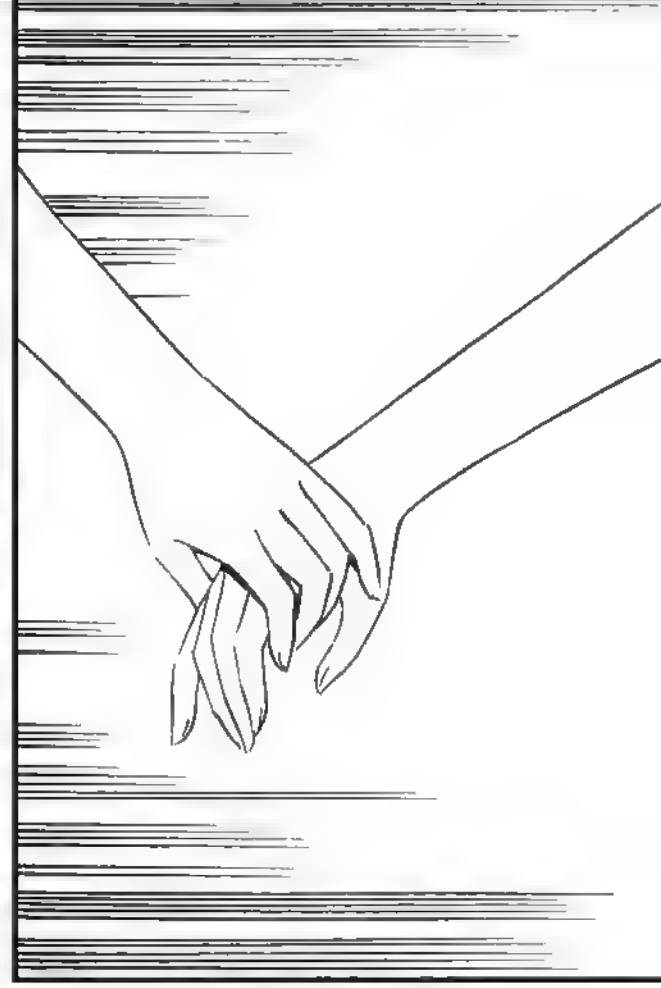
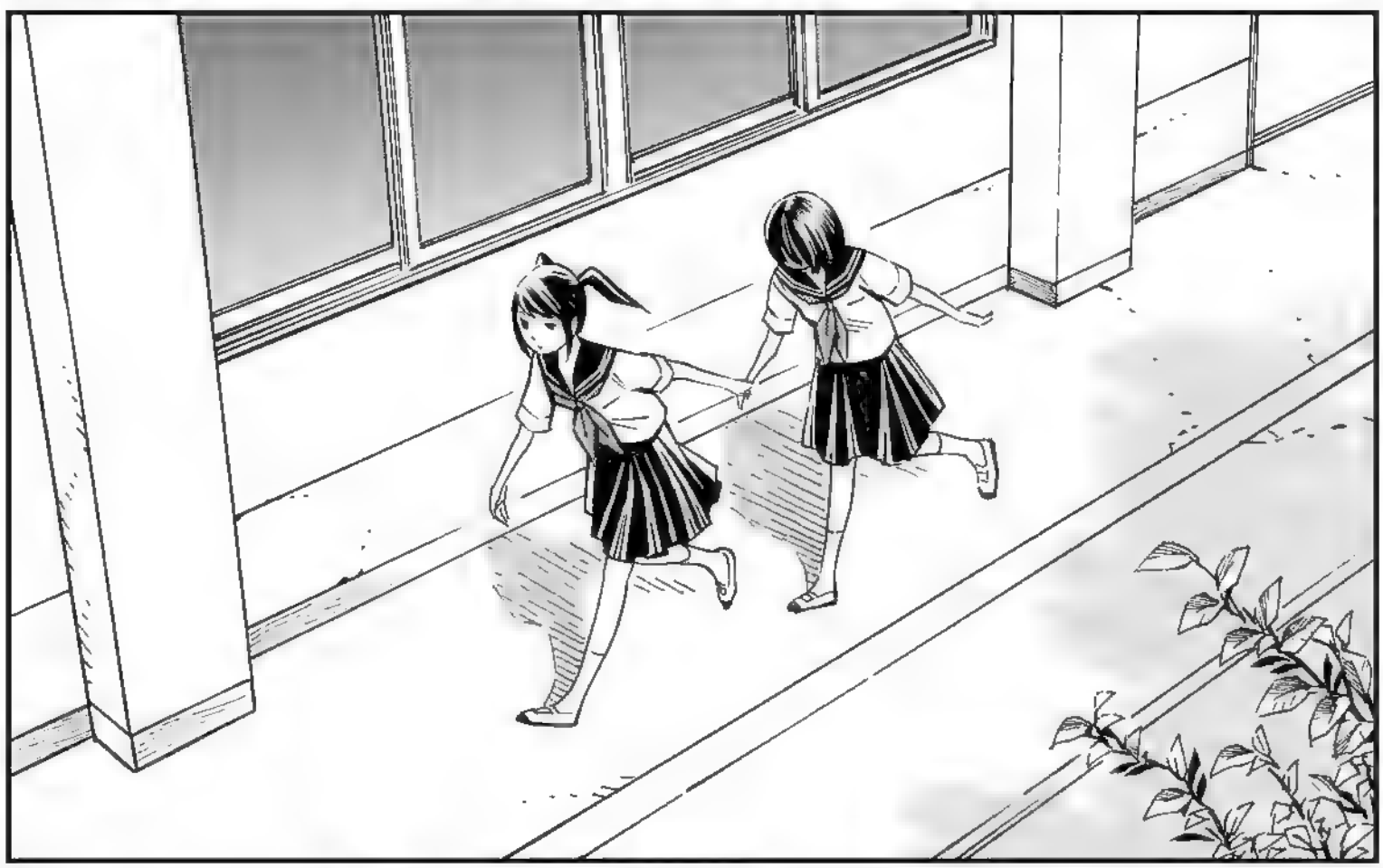
That Senpai...

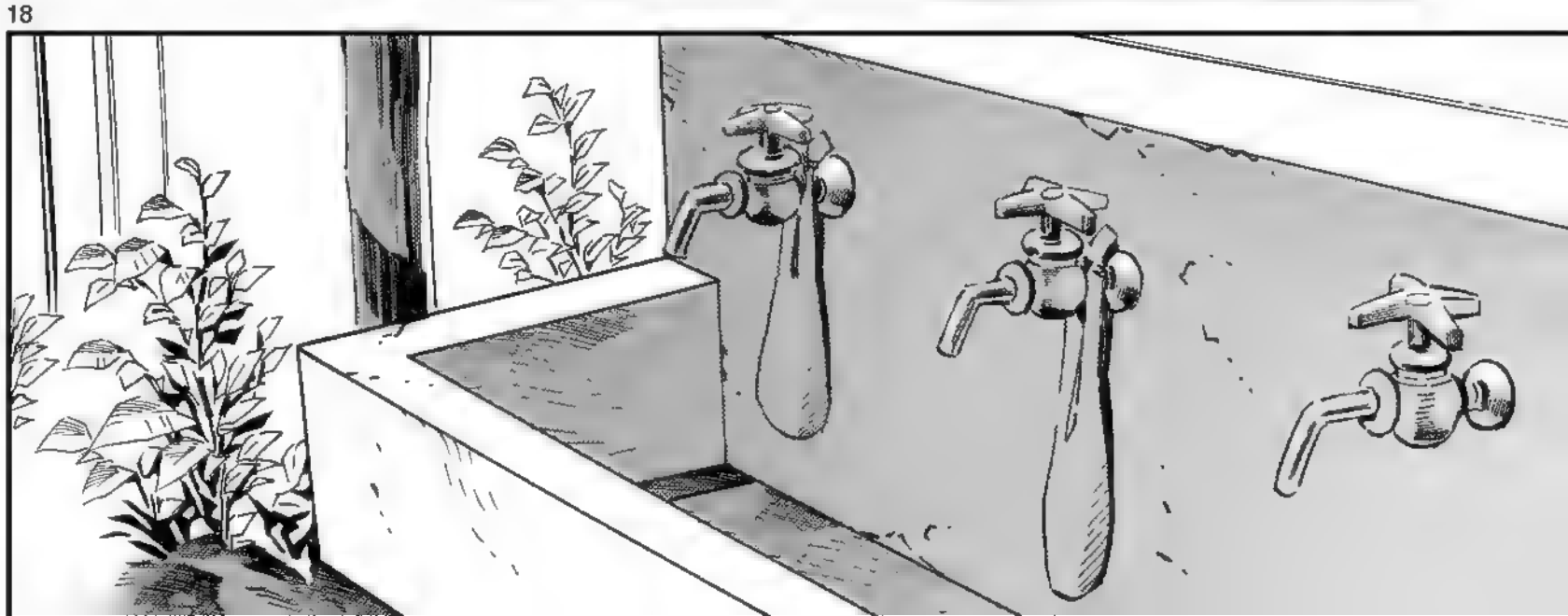
She was infamous for easily getting jealous over her underclassmen If they were even just a little bit cute, wasn't she?

Back then, Senpai was just pretending to be kind

so she could purposely drag Miku over to where there were other students.







It's okay. I'm with you.

This sucks... This really sucks...

Come on.
Let's get those panties off.

Thank you...
You're welcome...

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And with that, I had completely "fallen" for you.

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The heck?

The plan was to get you to pee yourself, though...

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I'm sorry.
Indeed.
You reap what you sow, I guess.
It's fine.
Besides, it wasn't that embarrassing.
The things I do to "make you fall for me" are embarrassing.
That's why you should just do what you want with me, Kyouko.

How about no?

So how about peeing right here?

I'm the one peeing myself?

I'll clean up for you.

#18.5 Mizuki's Secret

Mizuki gets sadistic sometimes.

NANA'S ROOM

Hey...

How's Miku-chan been lately?

How...?

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You're... asking that now?

You've been having "report sessions" during lunch break, right?

How's Miku-chan doing?

I see... She's gotten sick of waiting, huh?

I think I want an answer from Kyouko-chan soon.

I just can't wait any longer...

Master...

should be on a date with Kyouko-san right about now.

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Hey...
You wanna know?

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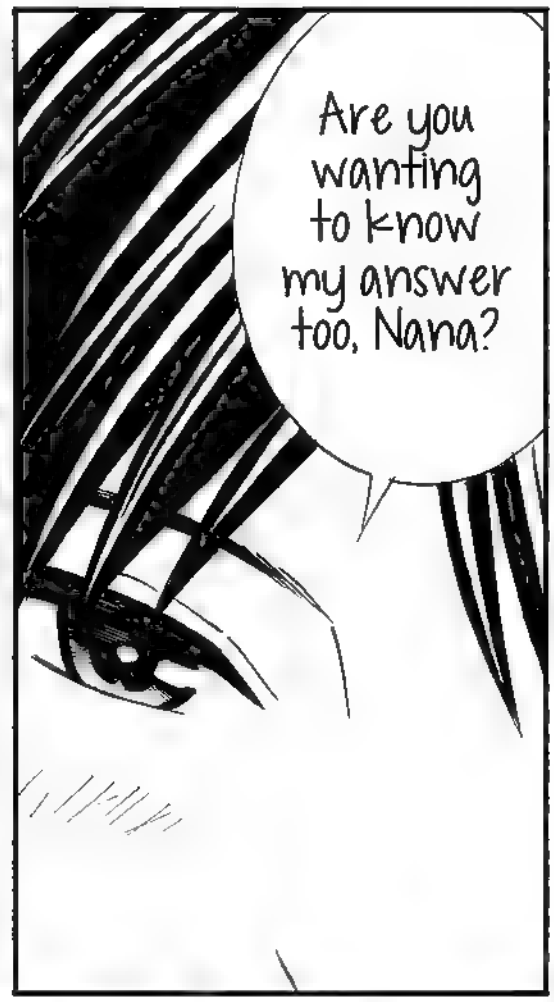
Are you wanting to know my answer too, Nana?

I do...
but I don't.

Well... Who can say?
Doesn't that mean you're pretty much dating already?
You're letting her grope your boobs?

Ah, it seems...

we're still not "dating" yet, Master.

We certainly...

can't keep this going on forever, huh?

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If you want to know my answer...

In that case, let things stay like this way a little longer...

I'm sorry...

I don't think I can date you.

Just how sadistic can she get...?

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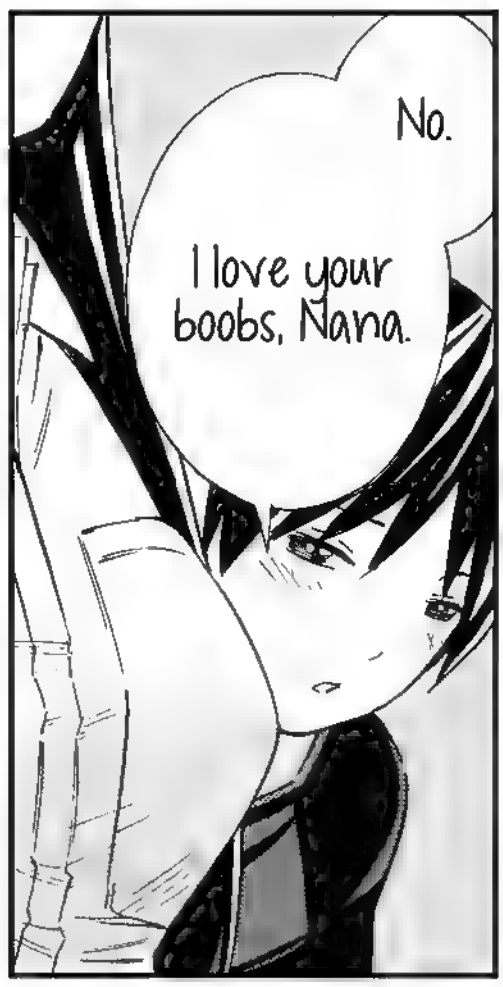
You're saying that while fondling my boobs?

I'm sorry...


No.
I love your boobs, Nana.

Ufufu
Do you prefer small boobs like Master's?

MIZUKI
LOVE NOTE NANA
Mizuki definitely loves HUGE BOOBS.
Thought as much.

Then why?

It's my... philosophy of love or something like that.

Either way, I'm the one to blame.

It's not you.

It's me.

Philosophy of love...?

Um...

Having an affinity with someone as a person is important, but...

to me...

sexual affinity is also important...

Why?

If there's something we haven't tried yet, we can just try it, right?

I'm not sure,

but that's probably the case.

I said I'd do anything, right?

What does that mean?

I've never seen Mizuki struggling to speak like this before.

It's not a matter

of trying things out or not...

What's this affinity thing...? I'm curious.

Are there still things I don't know about Mizuki...?

Do you remember Mamiya, that tennis girl a year below us? From the neighboring high school...

Yeah... That girl.

Senpai ♡

Aah... The girl who said she was your fan?

Heard what?

She went to the same middle school as Miku-chan, so I heard it from her.

Yep.

She's a bully who easily gets jealous over cute girls...

Is this Mamiya perhaps...

that senpai who tried to expose Master

after she peed herself...?

So I choked...

I mean, gave her a little warning.

Did you know?

Hey hey

I guess she held a grudge over Kyouko-chan interfering, because she started spreading rumors.

Fu fu

Well, here's the thing...

But why bring that up all of a sudden?

I...

get really turned on by a girl's pee.

Huh?

Feeling creeped out?

Of course you are.

Pfft!

I think that's my "philosophy of love".

I don't think... you can call that a "philosophy of love".

I'm sorry...

At any rate, that's probably why I can't date you.

Yeah... A fetish? What's it called again?

Honestly, Mizuki. You've always talked about pee since long ago.

Like about who peed herself and who's gonna pee herself next...

Look. Read this part.

There's no way.

H-...

Have I...?

She talked about pee again today. (5th time and counting.) Mizuki definitely has A PEE FETISH

Cute pervert-san ♡

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MIZUKI LOVE ROSE NANA

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I never expected it was that big of a deal, mind you.

You were so obvious.

Y-...

You knew?

Ask me anything, and I'll do it.

Let's test our affinity.

What should I do?

To think Mizuki could turn so red...

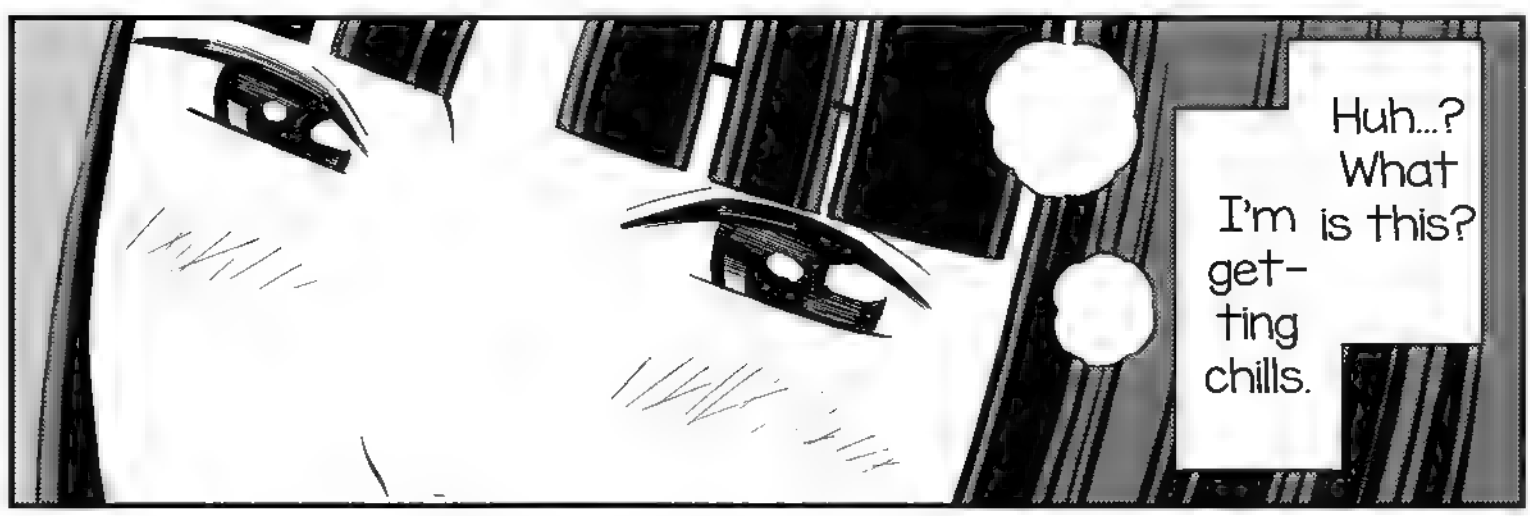
Cute...

Eh...?

S-Seriously!?

Tell me.
Uuh...

What do you wanna do? Tell me.
Wait... It's embarrass-ing...


Huh...? What is this? I'm get-ting chills.

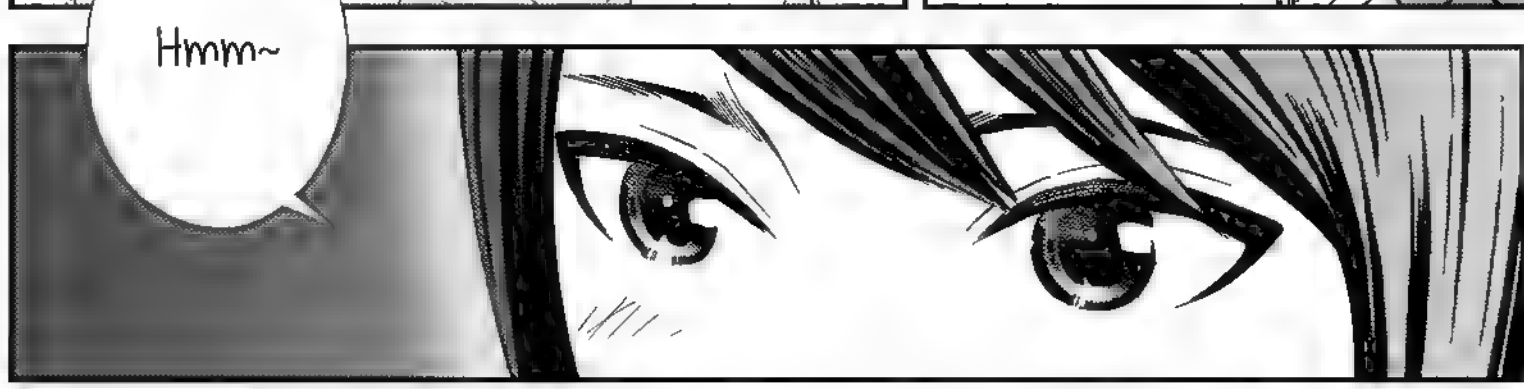
Could it be... that I'm a little bit sadistic too?

#19 The Battle's Outcome

(mizugi) Swimsuit Photo Contest!
No it's not!
It's the "Mizuki Photo Contest"!

I need to pick a photo to submit and fast...
The deadline's today.

This!
I like this one!


Hmm~

Well yeah, but that's exactly why I think that something more natural would be better.

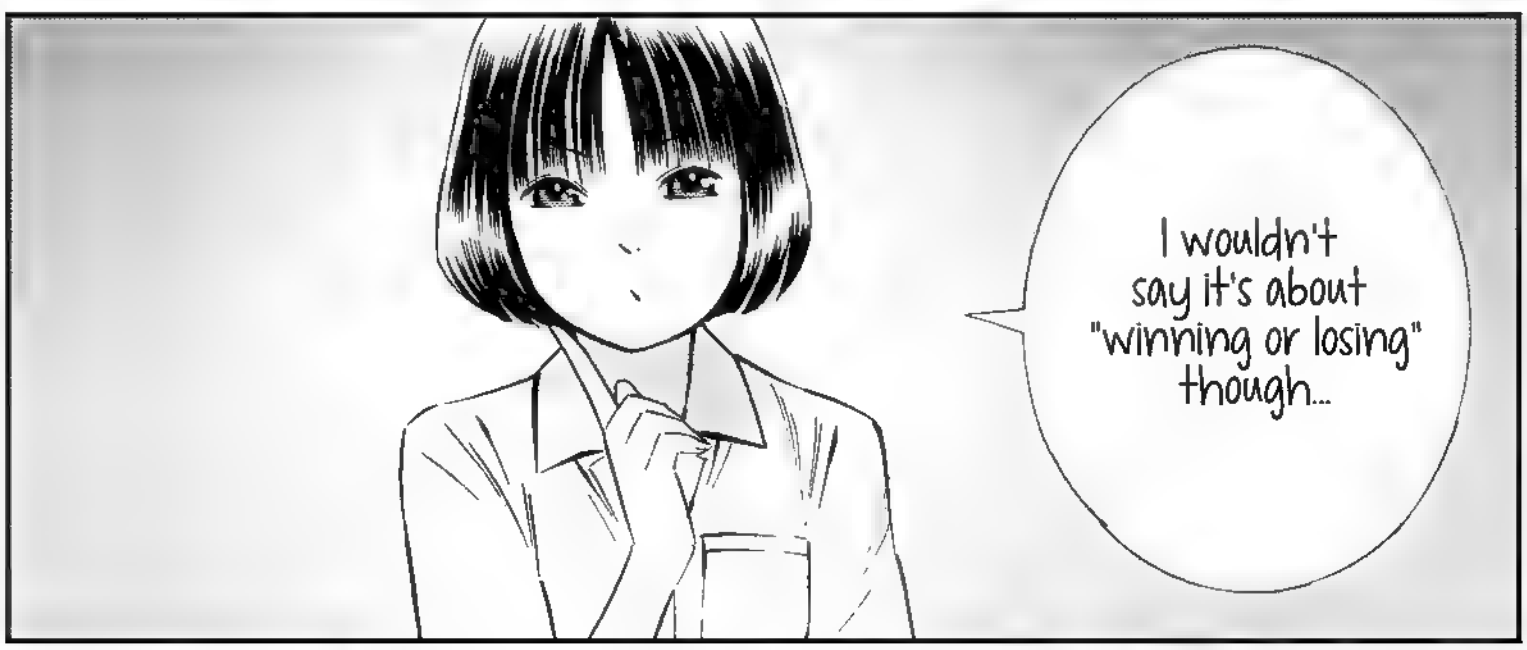
Shouldn't I go with something cooler?
I mean, when you think of Mizuki-senpai, "cool" is what immediately springs to mind, after all.

I want you to take my photo, Kyouko-chan.
Mizuki's one of those "ability advocates",
so she likes to deceive people to see "what kind of ability they have".
Hrm...

In other words, if she deduces that I have no ability, then Miku will be...

I need to take this seriously.

No... This is a "battle".


I wouldn't say it's about "winning or losing" though...

You love taking photos, right, Kyouko?
Then you should just enjoy doing what you "love".

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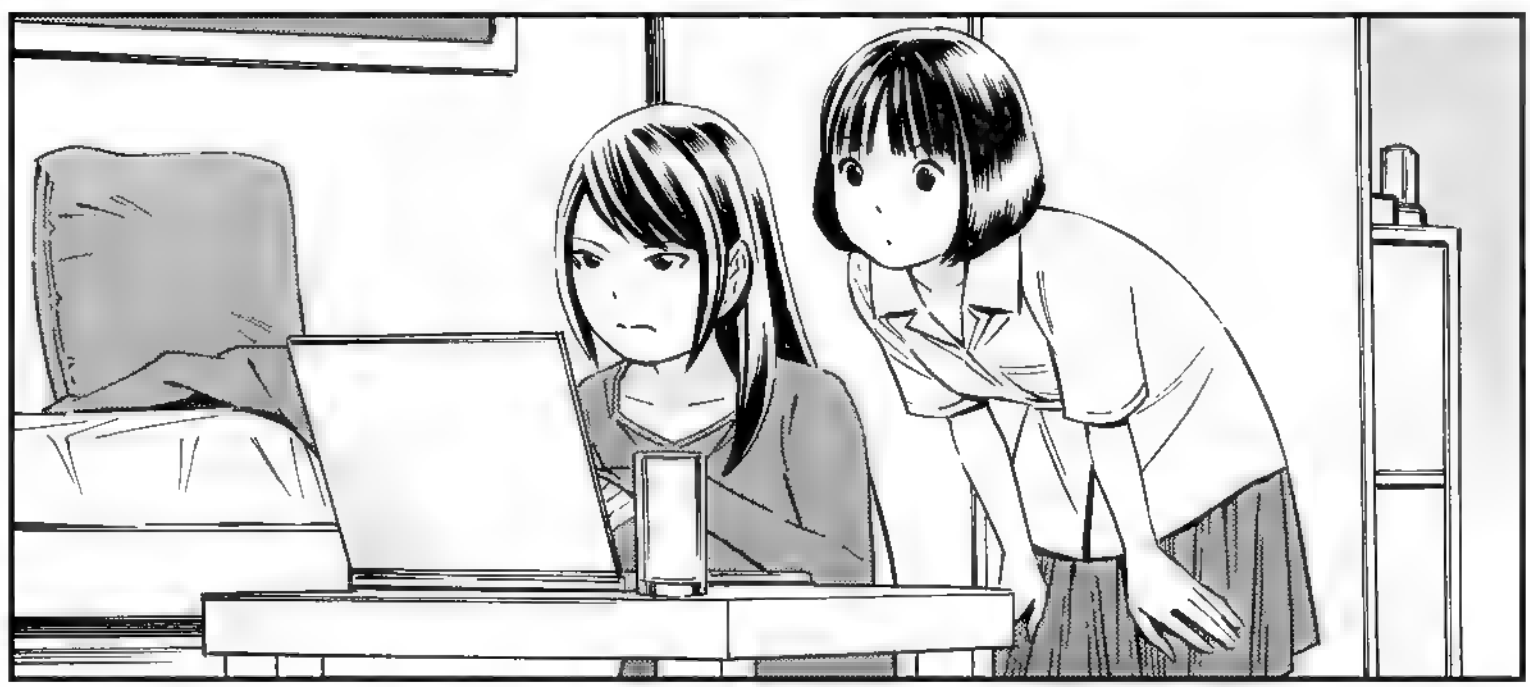
That may be true...
but there are times when you have no choice but to fight.
Who do you think I'm going to all this trouble for?



Yep! Definitely this one!!
I want you to photograph me like this too.

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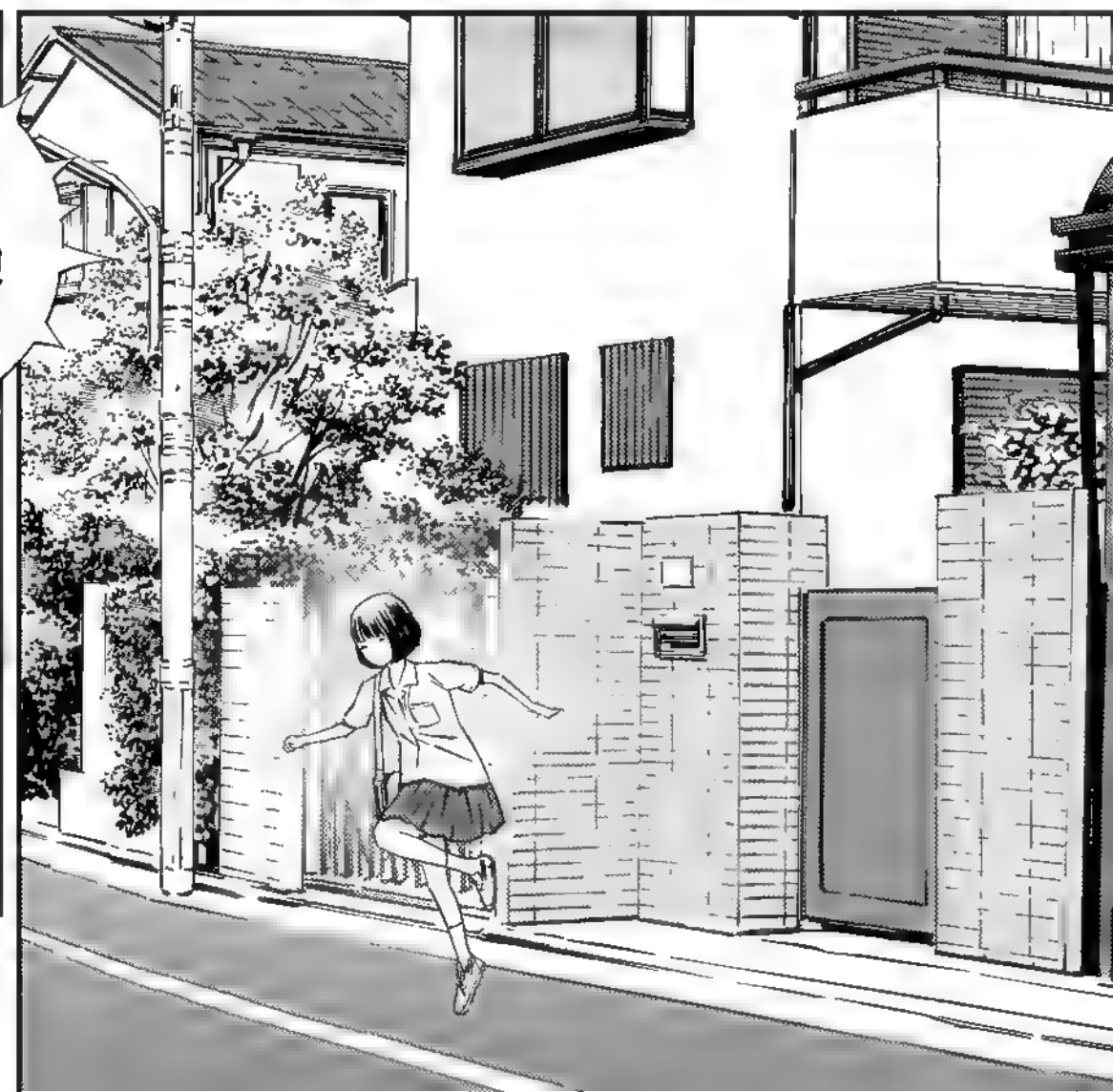
Geez!
Quit bugging me!!
Fine.
I'll go home then.

It looks like you don't have an answer to "will you make me your girlfriend" either...

so I'll just take that as a "no", shall I?



Geez...

Where did she go?

Her phone's turned off.

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Ah...!

Yes? Hello?

Photo Club President Kobayashi
Crap...
It's the club pres.

H-Hey there...
This is the Mizuki Photo Contest Committee's Nightcrawler Kobayashi.
This is the Swimsuit Photo... Ah, I got it mixed up.

You got your photo yet, Kyouko-chan?
Time's almost up.

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Nope. One per person. Those are the rules.

Anything's fine, so just send one already.

D-

Don't suppose I can submit two photos, can I?

She hung up on me...

I don't have time for this right now...

Hmm...

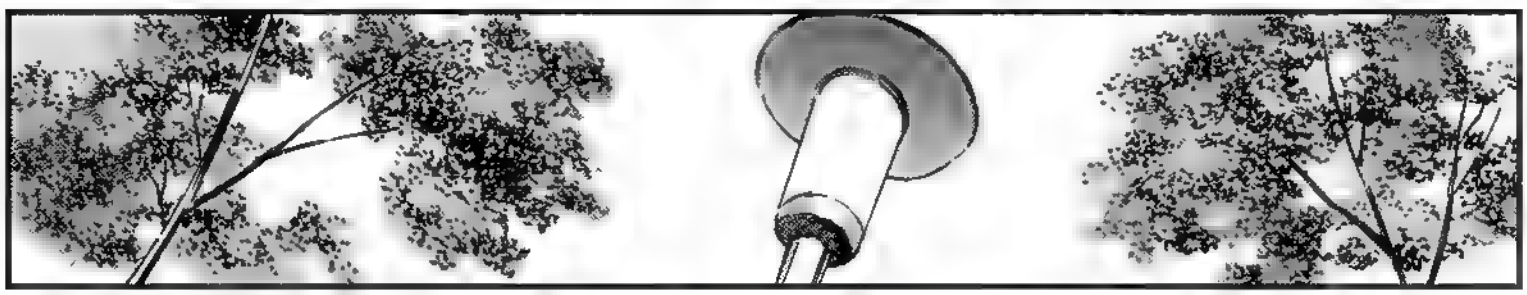
Which one?

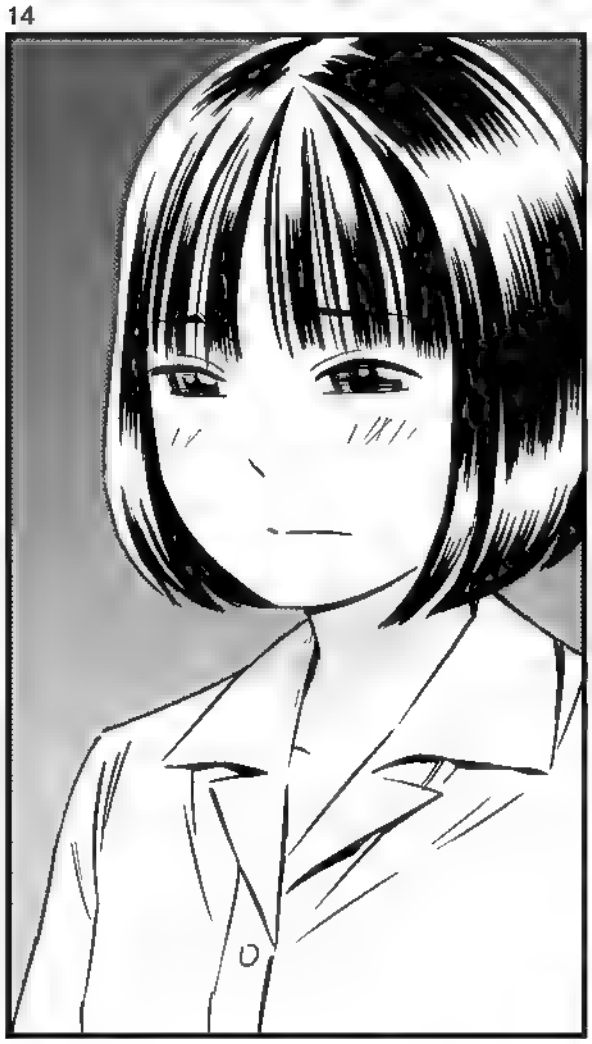
Which do I pick?

Shghgh...

I'll just pick whatever!

That takes care of that!





So this is where you were.

Sorry...

Somehow I always end up getting spoiled by you, Kyouko.
I'm sorry too... for saying you were bugging me...

Eh? The heck?
I'm being controlled?

And then I always end up "controlling you with my grumpiness"....

Yeah. Haven't you noticed?
Whenever I'm feeling grumpy, you fuss over me more than you usually do...

Hey, What's that supposed to mean?

Well, it's your fault for being so "easy", Kyouko.
When you put it that way...

I won't get grumpy anymore, so don't hate me.

Don't push it.
Let's kiss then.
Mm

Thank goodness...

...I'd never hate you.

WAH—
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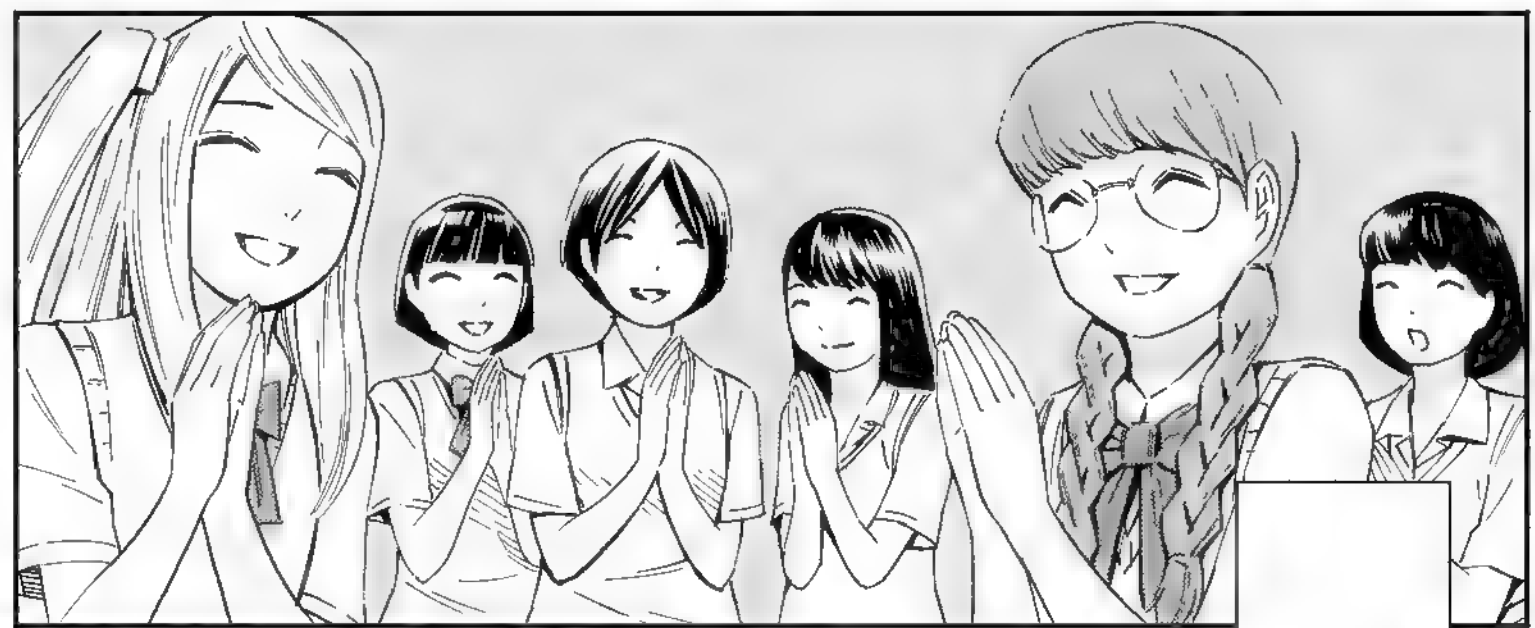
Congratulations, Kyouko-chan!
Eh?

You're the winner!!
WINNER
Eh...?

Th-Thanks...

Hikari...
This is a wonderful moment!!
What a lovely photo!


What is this...?

I'm feeling pretty pathetic right now.

Pathetic?
How come?

It's like,
I was the only one who thought this was a "battle"...

and I selfishly tried to "throw the battle" on my own...
when in reality, nobody was battling at all. Everyone was just doing it for fun.

I need to thank you, Miku.

It was you who chose that photo, after all.

Right?

Reality's like that sometimes.

Mm

No, not that...

I'll take a photo of you.

Please don't.

Should I strip?

#19.5 Perfume Lens

So like~
I didn't have any spare change at that time, so~
The usual atmos-phere.
A natural atmos-phere.
An atmos-phere in which I feel most at ease.

Laid back is fine.

Don't strip.

Should I strip?

Huh? You're taking photos?

When I'm this laid back?

In fact, laid back might be better.

In secret?

The photo that won that contest was actually taken in secret, after all...

At that time,

Mizuki-senpai was sitting next to Nana-senpai

It felt really natural.

and seemed to be enjoying talking with her...

Why do you have so many lenses anyway?

Don't do that. You'll get dust all over them.

Is that so...?

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and this one's a fixed focus macro lens.

It lets you take photos that are really close up.

This one's a zoom lens.

A photo that's really close up...

Then take one of me with that!

Looks good.
Sexy~?

I knew it...

When I point my lens at someone, it's like I can smell that person's "scent".

Or rather...

up this close, I can literally smell Miku's scent.

Think-ing back on it...

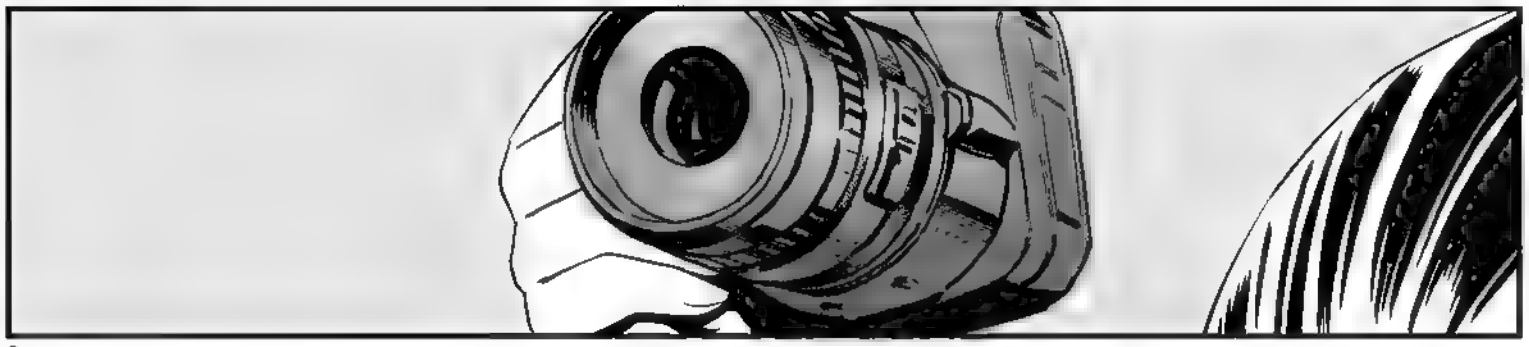
whenever I took pictures of the scenery, it felt like I could feel the "scent" of those places too.

The scent of flowers.

The scent of the wind.

The scent of the seasons...

like summer and autumn.



It's nothing...

I was just recalling what someone once told me about "people having their own seasons".

What's up, Kyouko...?

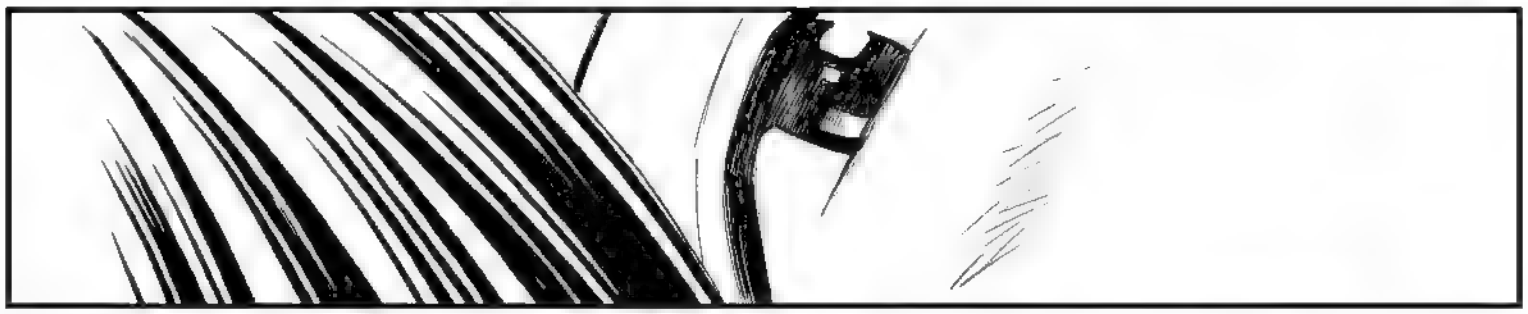
Something wrong?

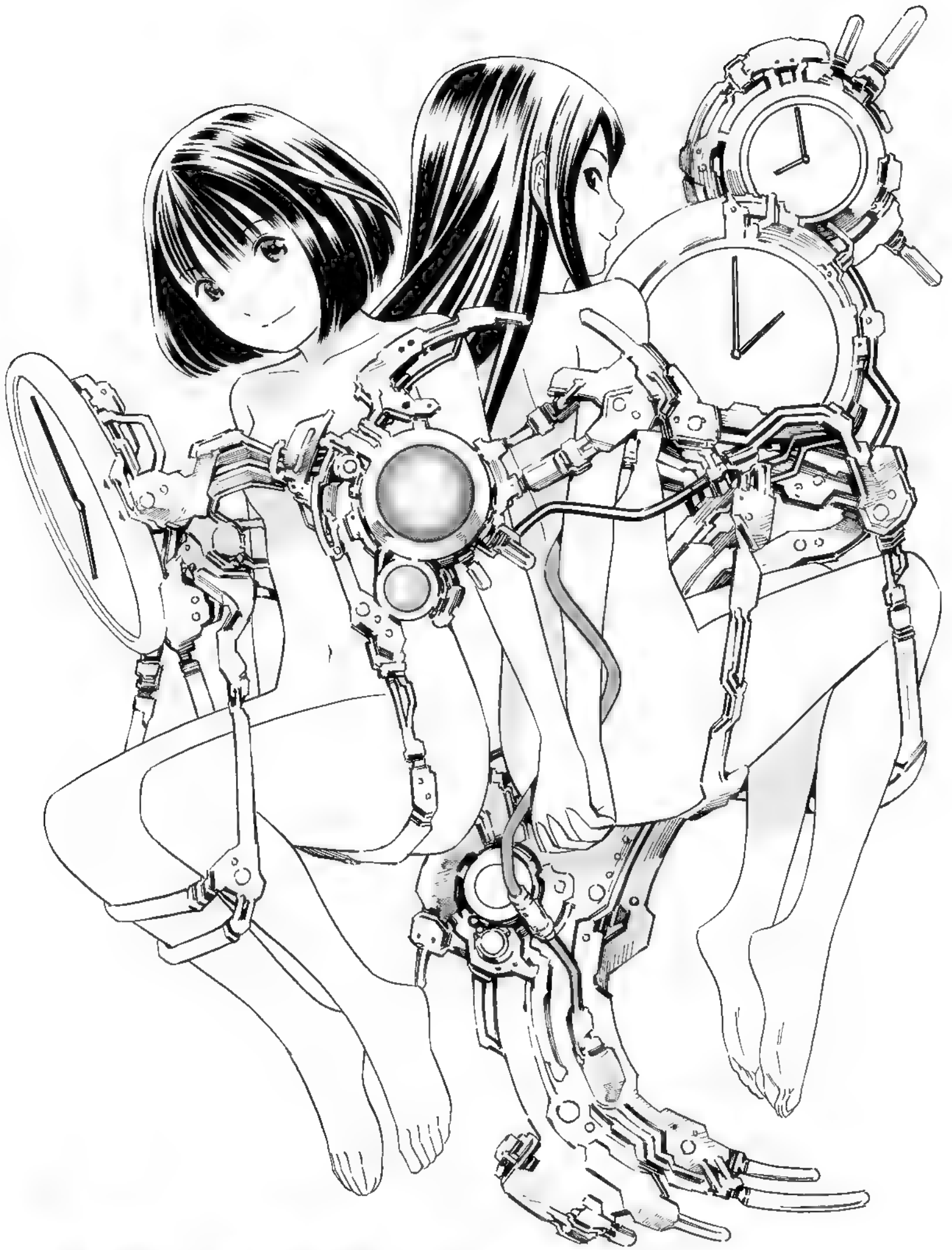
Oh...?

The scent of spring...

If that's true, Miku would definitely be in "spring" right now.

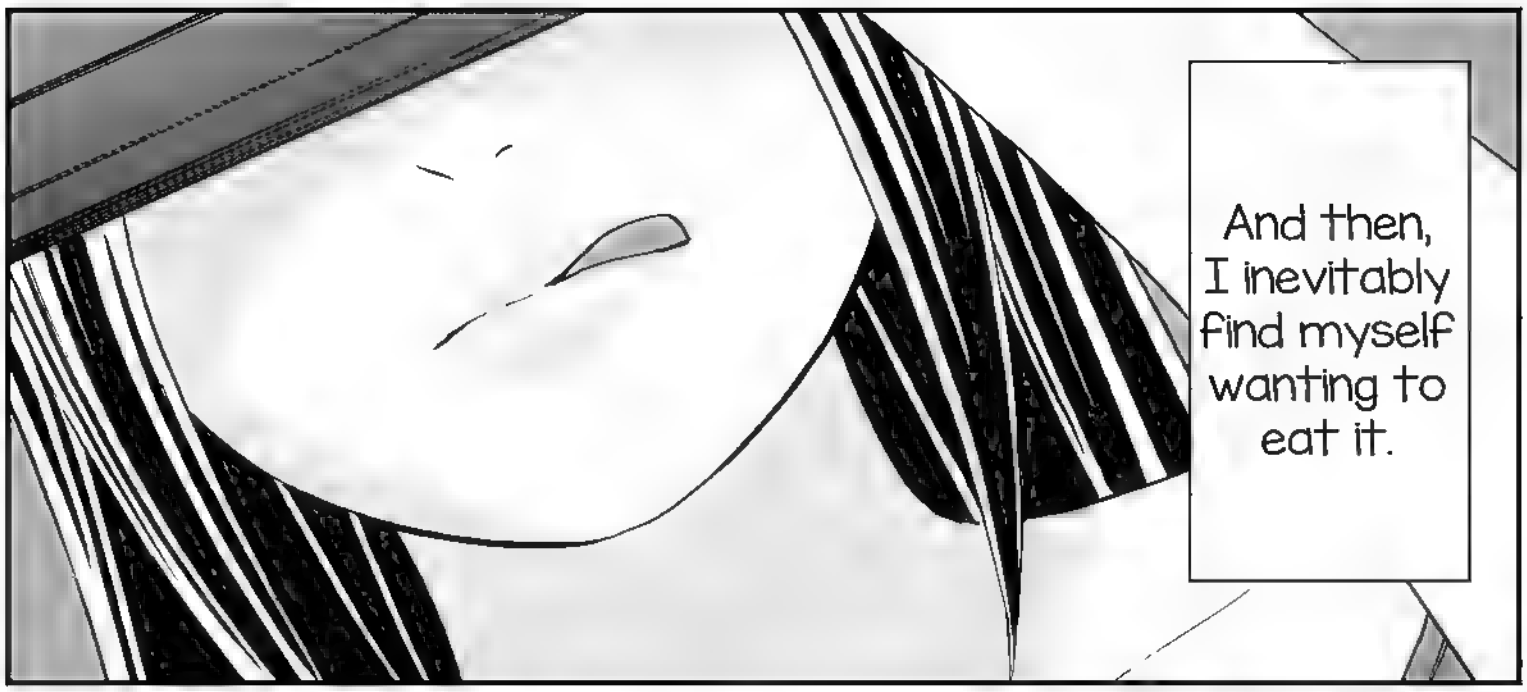
I wonder what spring tastes like...?





#20 The Future Starts Now

Lured in by its sweet smell...
I photograph the cake with my macro lens.



The sweet smell and sweet taste are sealed inside my camera.

It's not what's on the outside, but what's inside that's important.

You know what they say, right? "What's precious can't be seen with your eyes."

Of course they're precious...

so they must be precious, right...?
Well...
Smell and taste are things that can't be seen,

Miku used to be a girl who'd always walk behind me.

But now...

It'll work out better if you imagine "the you that you want to become".

If you do that,

you'll have a better idea of how to spend the time you have now...

Right now, your eyes can only see the "now".

They can't see the "future".

So the future is precious?

Of course it is.

That's why you need to treat the "now" with more care.

Aah...
I think I get it now.
Miku has been giving her all to grab my attention.
In other words...

the
"future"
is in
love with
"today"...

Ah, you laughed again...

Why?

Fufu...

This damn cutie...

Who knows...?

I'm wondering why myself.

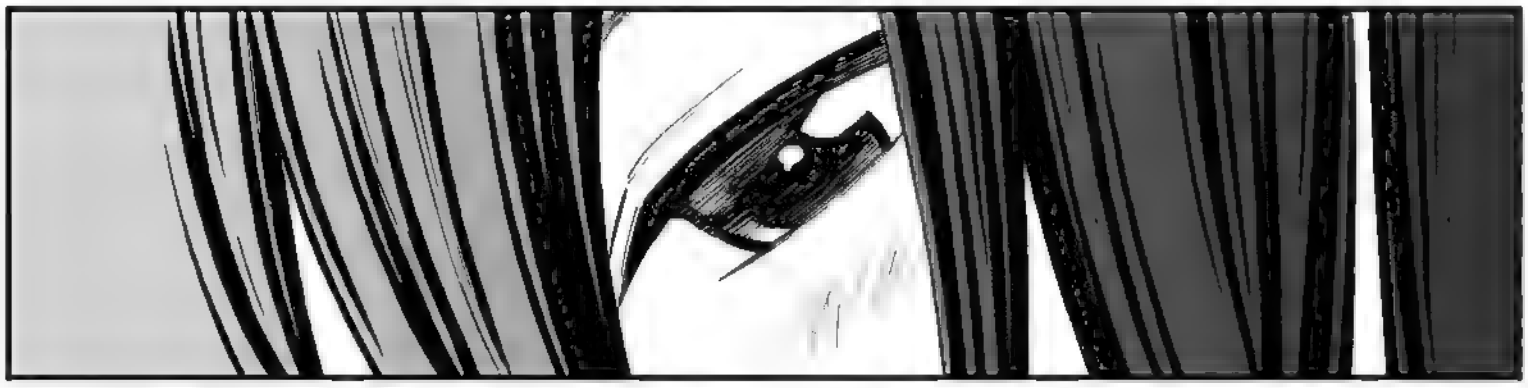
Eh...?

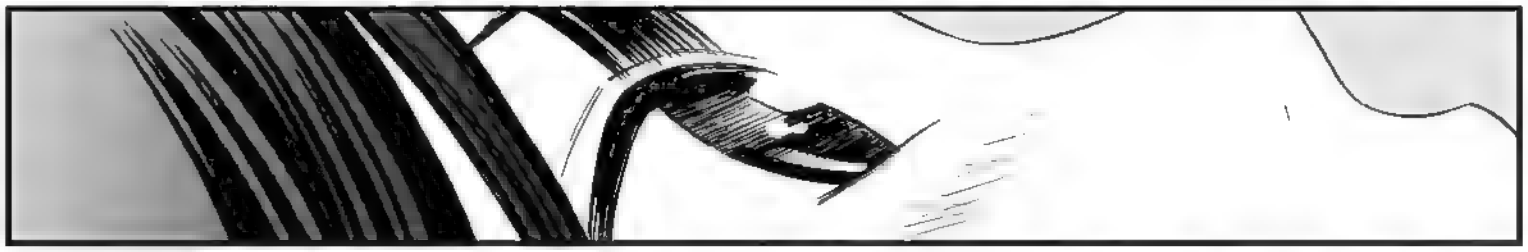
Mind if I take everything off?

That's right...

I'll do exactly as you tell me, Kyouko...

The "future" is determined by the "now".





My mind went completely blank after that.

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Piece of cake.

Congratulations, Master.

That didn't even take you until graduation.

I guess so...
That's a shame...

I can't say... It's too embarrassing.
So... how was the "combining"?

I'll talk!!
Then I guess I won't tell you about the "combining" Mizuki and I did...

I... finally became "Kyouko's cake".

When Kyouko eats something sweet,
she lets out a voice that sounds like she's melting...
Kyouko-san's... cake?
Howa...

And then, that I I was so happy

That... sounds lewd.
It was incredibly lewd.

started crying.

Kya

You're so cute, Master♥

Eh

!!

So...

What was the "combining" with Mizuki-senpai like, Nana-senpai?

That's hot...

Eh...?

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I see...

So you've finally grabbed ahold of the "future", Kyouko-chan.

Y-Yeah... I guess...

I know.

That's why Miku is...

It's just like Nana said.

It's like we were together in another world...

Or rather, I've known since the very beginning...

In that photo you took of me, Kyouko-chan...

it was because I was with Nana that I was smiling like that.

She sounds just like Miku...

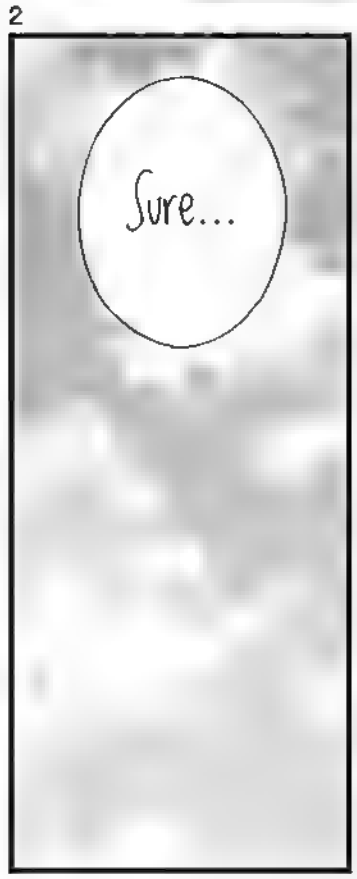
What were you talking about?
Yeah...
You really seemed to be enjoying yourselves.

Lewd stuff.

#20.5 Starting Today, I'll Do What I Want With the Future

Ah,
but right at the start...

We don't talk about lewd stuff.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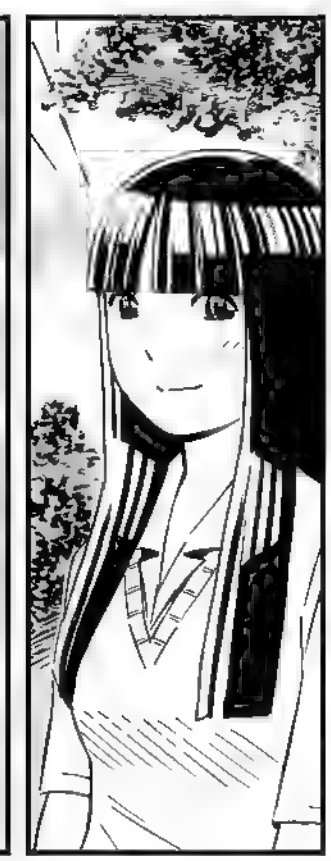


Today...
let's do it when we get home.

But we don't say a word after that.

That sure sounds like lewd stuff to me...

We just sit quietly next to each other.

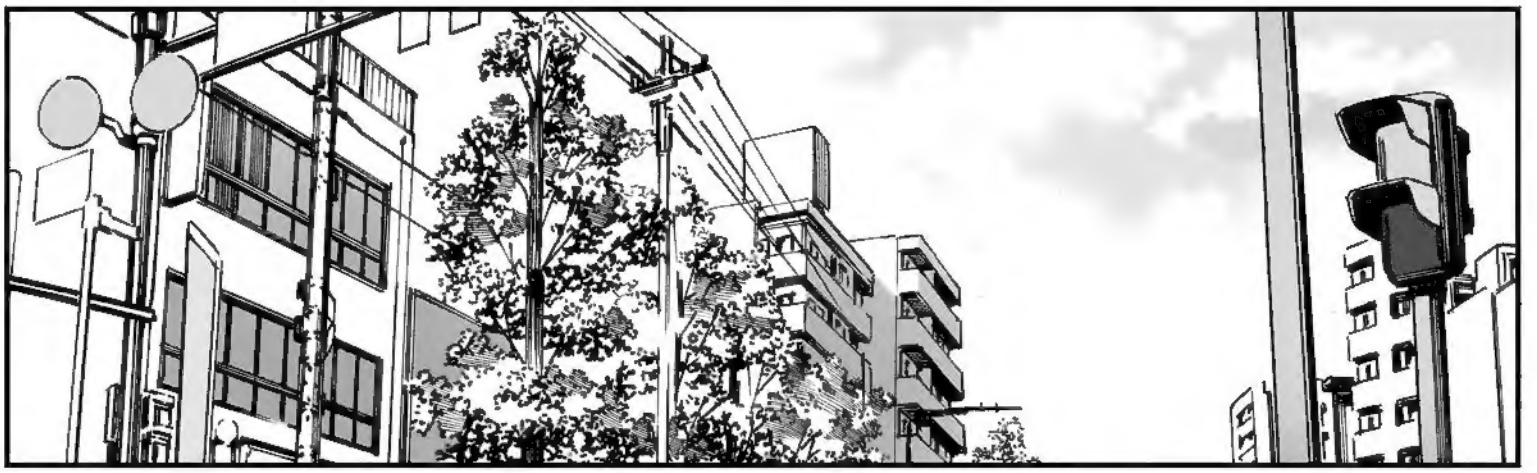
Once in a while, our eyes meet...

Every time they meet, we both laugh.

That's something we've done repeatedly this whole time.

Wow...

They live in a world where they don't need words.



This one, on the other hand, talks a lot.

I'll teach it to you next time~

So, like, meditation's pretty neat too~

You just do it ten minutes a day.

Are you listening to me?

Well, she's saying all this for my sake, though.

Even when Miku's in a foul mood,

I don't feel bad about it, strangely enough.

The reason why...

Of course I am...

Today... let's do it when we get home.

is because I know how to cheer her up instantly.

Kyou Kara Mirai - END